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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

CASE NUMBER

BOROUGH OF Mahhattan 1392

Report of Death

By Benj. Morgan Vance M. D.

Assistant Medical Examiner

Name of Deceased Myrtle C. Morris

Last Residence 173 E. 119th St.

Date and Time
- Of Death February 27th, 1939
- Examiner Notified
- Body Examined February 28th, 1939

Reported by police From

Place of Death 23rd St. & Marginal Body Found at

Character of Premises

Pronounced Dead by

Removed to By

Age 30 Years Months Days; Color or Race White

Place of Birth U. S. How Long in U. S. (If of Foreign Birth)

How Long Resident in City of New York life

Occupation Elevator Operator Civil Condition Single

Father's Name William H. Morris Father's Birthplace U. S.

Mother's Maiden Name Alpha Burton Mother's Birthplace U. S.

Identified by Residence

WITNESSES

Name	Residence

(OVER)

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IDENTIFICATION OF BODY 1304 241

STATE OF NEW YORK,
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.:
BOROUGH OF

Haddie C. Jiacalone age over 21, residing at 27 W 119th St in the City.

being duly sworn, deposes and says: That he is a the Sister of the person whose body was found at 23rd & Marginal St 2/27/1939 and subsequently sent to the City Morgue; that deponent has seen the remains of said deceased, and has every reason to believe that the body now recorded at the Morgue as unk. w. female is her Sister Myrtle C Morris who was last seen or heard from by deponent on Feb. 26th, 1939

Deponent therefore prays that the identification of said deceased person be accepted by the Chief Medical Examiner of The City of New York and that a certificate of death be issued to conform with the history hereto annexed, which deponent knows to be true and correct.

Sex Female — In New York City Life

Name Alone — Last place of residence 173 E. 119th St.

Age 30 yrs. 3 yrs. 12/6/1908 — Father's name William H. Morris

Occupation Elevator. Employed. 2 yrs. — Father's birthplace U. S.

Civil condition Single — Mother's maiden name Alpha Burton

Birthplace U. S. — Mother's birthplace U. S.

In United States Life

x Katie C Jiacalone

Sworn to before me this 28th day of Feb. 1939

Det. John Arnold 749.
9 to 9 2/28/39 M.P.B.

History of auto accident about 3 mos. ago. Had a concussion of Brain

missing since 2/26/39.

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(DATE) Feb 22/39 | (TIME) 4 PM | **POLICE DEPARTMENT** CITY OF NEW YORK | (PCT.)

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Name and address of deceased or injured person, if identified
Unknown White Girl

Name and address of person making identification (relationship, if any)

Nature of occurrence Unknown

Place of occurrence 22nd St & Marginal

Exact location and position of body when found Floating on the water in front of 22nd St Pier

Name of Patrolman, Shield No. and precinct, or name and address of person who removed body from scene of accident or place where found.

(Name of patrolman)

(Shield No.) (Precinct)

Name of patrolman, Shield No. and precinct who accompanied body to its destination.

(Name of patrolman)

(Shield No.) (Precinct)

Name of place or institution where body was accepted, date, time received, and the name of person receiving it. Date, time and place of death.

(Name of place or institution)

(Date) Time received

(Name of receiver)

(Date of death) (Time of death) (Place of death)

Name of Medical Examiner

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W. Woman 23rd St & E River 2/27/39

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Identification Card

Boy 241

2-28-, 1939

Name Cleo Morris

Age 30 Nat. U S Time in U. S. Life

Social Con. Single Res. 173 E 119 St

Occupation Elevator Operator

Ident. by (Name in full) Hattie E. Giacalone

Address 27 W 19th St

Relationship Sister

Father's Name William H. Morris

Where Born U S

Mother's Maiden Name Alpha Burton

Where Born U. S.

NOTE.—After card is properly filled out, notify the person making the identification to report to the Medical Examiner, giving the hour he may be seen at Mortuary.

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CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.:
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Sex .....In New York City.....

Name .....Last place of residence.....

Age .....Father's name .....

Occupation .....Father's birthplace .....

Civil condition .....Mother's maiden name.....

Birthplace .....Mother's birthplace .....

In United States.....

Sworn to before me this

day of 193

.....

C.N.

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AUTOPSY

Case No. 1392

Approximate Age 30 yrs. Approximate Weight 132 lbs.

Height 5'4¾"

Identified by Residence

Stenographer VS Residence

I hereby certify that I BENJ. MORGAN VANCE, M.D. have performed an autopsy on the body of Myrtle Morris at City Morgue on the 28 day of February 1939, at A.M. hours after the death, and said autopsy revealed the body of an adult white female 5'4¾" in height and weighing ~~about~~ 132 lbs., well developed, well nourished; abundant brown hair on head about 9" long, stringy, appears as if dyed; eyes light brown; teeth in fairly good condition, a few in back missing; no dental work. Breasts slightly prominent, nipples project about 1/4". Fingernails covered with red polish. There are some bruises on the inside of the left arm at the bend of the elbow about 3" longitudinal by 2" transverse; in the middle of the arm a bruise about 1" in diameter; on the right forearm is a bruise about 3" long and 1½" wide; bruises also appear up and down both legs from knees to toes, varying from 1 to 2" and along the lines of the shins; moist dirt present around feet and toes.

ON SECTION: Panniculus about 1" in thickness.

Heart on both sides contains dark red fluid blood. Valves normal. Coronaries thinwwalled; muscle dark red, firm, about in mid-distension. Foramen ovale patent anteriorly by an opening about 1/2"; at the lower portion about 1/4".

Both lungs distended; show areas gray and ~~sand~~ slate color, aerated and at the same time show purplish red and bluish areas in between. Lungs rather heavy. Right lung adherent by fibrous adhesions; slight scarring at apices of both lungs.

Spleen normal in size; capsule wrinkled. Follicles and trabeculae prominent. Parenchyma reddish-brown and retracts from cut surface.

Liver dark reddish-brown; cyanotic; moderately congested.

Gall bladder contains dark green bile; no stones.

Adrenals normal.

Kidneys normal in size; capsule strip easily; surface smooth; otherwise natural.

GI TRACT: Esophagus normal. Stomach contains small amount of water mixed with a few fragments of digested food. Small intestine retracted, contains bile-stained mucous; large intestine contains small amount of partly formed greenish-brown feces. Appendix natural.

Bladder contracted; contains no urine.

Uterus natural, measures about 3½ x 2½ x 1½"; mucous membrane thin and velvetty. Vagina wrinkled; otherwise natural. Both tubes show moderate grade of hydro~~colpos~~salpinx. Ovaries contain follicular cysts.

NECK: Muscles of neck are dark-red; no hemorrhages noted. Pharangeal and laryngeal walls congested; show no lesions.

ON SECTION OF HEAD: A few minute ecchymoses present here and there in the galea; scalp otherwise natural. Skull natural; brain natural. Vessels at base natural.

NOTE: Blood from both sides of heart saved for chemical examination.
Parts of liver & brain saved for chemical examination.
BMV 3/24/39

CAUSE OF DEATH:- ASPHYXIA BY SUBMERSION ~~PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION.~~ undetermined

IDENTIFICATION:- Body identified to Det. John Ailvoli, #749, M.P.B. 9:50 A.M. February 28th by Hattie E. Jiacalone, sister, of 27 West 19th Street.

Benj. Morgan Vance M.D.

Time Stamped

CITY OF NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER

Case No. 1392

BOROUGH OF Manhattan

NOTICE OF DEATH

Reported by Coffa P.G.B. Precinct No. 13

Name of Deceased U.N. Woman Age abt. 45

Residence Nativity

Color White Civil Condition Occupation

Place of death 230 St. & E.R. Body found at foot of 23rd St. E.R.

Body ordered removed to morgue By A.S. Now at

Doctor Undertaker

Examiner

DATE AND TIME

Of Death	Reported	Examiner Notified	Body Examined	Autopsy

Case for Dist. Atty. Yes / No Case sent to Dist. Atty.

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Cause of death Submersion

Remarks

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Clerk.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
CHEMICAL LABORATORY
PATHOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT OF BELLEVUE HOSPITAL
400 EAST 29TH STREET

ALEXANDER O. GETTLER, PH.D.
PATHOLOGICAL CHEMIST AND
TOXICOLOGIST.

Date 3/10/39

CHEMICAL REPORT

Case of Unknown White Woman 23 St. & Marginal Chemical Serial No. 514/39

Autopsy by Dr. Vance On 2/28/39

Examine for General Unknown and Chlorides

Organs submitted Brain, liver and right and left heart's blood

RESULTS of ANALYSIS:

POISONOUS Gases[1]

Volatile Poisons[2] Brain: Ethyl (grain) alcohol: Trace
Methyl (wood) alcohol: Absent
Volatiles: Absent

Acid—Ether soluble poisons[3] absent

Alkaline—Ether soluble poisons[4] "

Ammonia—Ether or Amm.—Chloroform soluble poisons[5] "

Metallic Poisons[6] "

Mineral acids and alkalies[7]

Halogens and their salts[8]

Salts of Oxy-Acids[9]

Poisons isolated by special methods[10] "

(1) such as: Carbon monoxide, Hydrogen cyanide, Hydrogen sulphide, Oxides of Nitrogen, etc.
(2) such as: Acetone, Alcohols (Amyl fusel oil) (Ethyl, grain) Methyl, (Wood) Aniline, Benzol, Camphor, Carbon bisulphide, Chloral hydrate, Chloroform, Croton oil, Cyanide, Formaldehyde, Nitro-benzene, Phenols Phosphorous, Pyridine, Ricin oil, etc.
(3) such as: Acetanilide, antipyrine, Barbituric acid group, Benzoic acid, Caffeine, Cantharadin, Colchicin, Di and tri hydric phenols, oxalic acid, Phenacetin, Picric acid, Picrotoxin Salicylates, Santonin, Sulphonal group, etc.
(4) such as: Aconitine group, Atropine group, Amines (poisonous), Cinchonine, Cocaine group, Codein, Cystisine, Delphinium group, Emetine group, Hyrastine group, Lobeline, Narcotine, Nicotine group, Pelletierrine group, Physostigmine, Pilocarpine, Piperazin group, Quinine, Strychnine group, Taxine, Veratrine, Yohimbine, etc.
(5) such as: Apomorphine, Morphine group, Narceine, Papaverine, Theobromine, Theophylline, etc.
(6) such as: Antimony, Arsenic, Barium Chromium, Copper, Lead, Mercury, Radium, Thallium, Uranium, Zinc, etc.
(7) such as: Hydrochloric, Nitric, Sulphuric acids, Ammonium, Sodium, Potassium hydroxides, Sodium Carbonate, etc.
(8) such as: Fluorides, Bromides, Iodides.
(9) such as: Borates, Chlorates, Nitrates, Nitrites, etc.
(10) such as: Adrenalin, Anthraquinone derivatives, Curarine, Dractis, Cathartics. Ergot. Glucosides, Hypnotics containing bromine, Muscarine, Saponins, Nitroglycerine, Strophanthin, Toxalbumins, etc.

Left heart - 530.4 mg NaCl per 100cc blood
Right heart- 512.4 mg " " " "
Difference 18.0 mg " " " "

Two large openings in foramen ovale.

VF

Alexander O Gettler

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

CITY OF NEW YORK
13th Precinct

March 9th 1939

From; Desk Officer, 13th Precinct

To; Chief Medical Examiner's Office

Subject; TRANSCRIPT OF D.O.A---CASE #1392:

1. At 4.15 P.M. February 27th 1939, Ptl. Peter Glynn, shield #986, 13th precinct, reports on aided card #964, that the body of an unknown female, White, about 44 years, 5-130- brown hair grey eyes, red dress, tan stockings, and pinkm slip, was taken from the East River at East 23rd Street, and Marginal Street, Manhattan, by members of police launch #11, under the supervision of Sergeant Gronei, shield #826, Harbor Precinct. Pronounced D.O.A. by Dr. Tullis of Bellevue Hospital.

2. Det. Beggs 13th Squad assigned to investigate case.

3. Medical Examiner Simpson--body to morgue.

4. The body of the deceased was identified at the City Morgue as one Clara Morris, 173 East 119th Street, Manhattan, by her sister Haddy Jiacalone of 27 West 19th Street, and Susie Pinel of 173 East 119th Street, Manhattan.

Dennis P. Ryan
Lieutenant 13th Precinct